

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN WARRANT

To any of the Constables of the Town of Monson in said county:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Monson qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Granite Valley Middle School on Thompson Street on Monday, November 10, 2014, A.D. at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles:

**Article 1:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000.00, for the General Highways & Bridges Account, for the purposes of road resurfacing, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*Finance Committee Recommends, and I Move the Town Vote (F.C.R.I.M.T.V.) to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 for the General Highway & Bridges Account for the purposes of road resurfacing.*

**Article 2:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, for the Highway Salaries & Wages Account, for severance pay for a retiring employee, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$9,000.00 to the Highway Salaries & Wages Account for the severance pay for a retiring employee.*

**Article 3:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet new guidelines under M54 General Permit for storm water regulations, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to pass over this article.*

**Article 4:**

**Submitted by: Highway Surveyor**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to the Capital Projects Account for the purposes of replacing the town fuel pumps, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Capital Projects Account to replace the town fuel pumps.*

**Article 5:**

**Submitted by: Water Superintendent**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the Hospital Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to borrow and appropriate \$800,000.00 for the Hospital Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Project.*

**Article 6:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to the Assessor's Expense Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 to the Assessors' Expense Account.*

**Article 7:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Bills of Prior Years, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$1,100.00 to the Bills of Prior Years Account.*

**Article 8:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Treasurer's Salary Account to fund the cost associated with an increase in the hours of the Town Treasurer/Human Resource Officer due to increased workload, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$6,800.00 to the Treasurer's Salary account.*

**Article 9:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Eastern Hampden County Veterans' Service District Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$627.00 to the Eastern Hampden County Veterans' Service District Account.*

**Article 10:**

**Submitted by: Town Administrator**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Legal Department Budget Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to the Legal Department Account.*

**Article 11:**

**Submitted by: Library Director**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Library Appropriation Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Library Appropriation Account.*

**Article 12:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Health Insurance Town Share Account to the OPEB Trust Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$20,367.00 from the Health Insurance Town Share Account to the OPEB Trust Account.*

**Article 13:**

**Submitted by: Finance Director**

To raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Veterans' Benefits Appropriation account, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to the Veterans' Benefits Account.*

**Article 14:**

**Submitted by: Chief of Police**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Police Salaries Account to fund the School Resource Officer Position, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to pass over this article.*

**Article 15:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Dollars (\$17,228.00) to preserve the Original Town Record Books. The Town Record Books will be repaired, restored, de-acidified, re-sewn and re-bound for permanent protection. Said funds shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$17,228.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Budget Reserve Account to the CPA Vital Records Restoration Account for the purpose to preserve original town record books as described above.*

**Article 16:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty One Dollars (\$89,561.00) to purchase play equipment, portable bleachers, install a playground at Flynt Park, and a gravel access road. Said funds shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program for recreational opportunities pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds are to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$89,561.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to the CPA Recreation Fields - Flynt Park account for purposes described above.*

**Article 17:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow and/or appropriate Three Hundred and Sixteen

Thousand and Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$316,475.00) for the acquisition by negotiated purchase a parcel of land of approximately 70 +/- acres owned by Helen and Thomas Moore located on the east side of Silver Street which is part of a lot as described on Assessors map 2, lot 11 to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Monson in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and to meet said appropriation with funds transferred and/or borrowed in accordance with the Community Preservation Act (M.G.L. c. 44B, et. seq.) and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file on behalf of the Town of Monson any and all applications deemed necessary under the Local Access for Natural Diversity Act (M.G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) or any other applications for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, subject to Town Counsel approval to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Monson to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to the Opacum Land Trust, an organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to reject this article.*

**Article 18:**

**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$107,400.00) to purchase 70+- acres of land owned by the June E. Skorupski Revocable Trust dated June 25, 1992, to be known as the Stephen and June Skorupski Woodlands to be surveyed from the original parcel described by Assessors Maps 2, Parcel 11 and described in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 8093, Page 164 in the current appraisal and shown in the map attached thereto, located on the east side of Silver Street. This sum of money represents the Town of Monson's required contribution to supplement the Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity Grant provided by the state under Article 97. This land is to remain permanent conservation land to be used for recreation and open space in accordance with the restrictions of Article 97. Said funds will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account for the purchase of this land. Said funds to be expended under the Community Preservation Program for the conservation of open space pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B. Said funds will be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to pass over this article due to the rejection of Article 17.*

**Article 19:****Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) to purchase 23+- acres of land owned by James and Kimberly Bailey, described by Assessors Maps 123, Lot 2 and described in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 13269, Page 219 and in the current appraisal and shown in the map attached thereto, and described as a parcel with no frontage which links the Town of Monson Cedar Swamp area to Norcross Wildlife Foundation property. This land will be owned by the Town of Monson under the care and custody of the Monson Conservation Commission, it is to remain permanent conservation land to be used for recreation and open space. And further, the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized, as they deem appropriate, subject to Town Counsel approval, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Monson to affect said purchase. Said conservation restriction may be granted to the Opacum Land Trust, an organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction. Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account for the purchase of this land. Said funds are to be expended under the Community Preservation Program for the conservation of open space pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B. Said funds will be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$7,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Account and \$30,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to the CPA Land Acquisition Account for the purchase of land as described above.*

**Article 20:****Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Forty Three Thousand, One Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$43,156.00) for the restoration of the Jacob Thompson House, one of Monson's fine museums and a prime example of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century Federal house. Said funds will be used to restore the exterior of the house including some general carpentry work at various building exterior locations, strip and power wash the brick ends which will then be repainted incorporating the brick mortar line joints, strip and power wash the entire house, repaint the house, re-glaze the windows, install storm windows and two new pine doors to protect the original doors, replacement of 3 basement windows, repairs to the foundation and installation of shiplap pine siding boards on the garage annex. The Historical Society will also apply the Jacob Thompson House for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Restoration Account and Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$13,156 .00) will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve under the Community

Preservation Program for the preservation of historic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

***Recommendation:***

*F.C.R.I.M.T.V. to transfer and appropriate \$30,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Restoration Account and \$13,156.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to the CPA Historic Preservation - Private Building Account for the purposes of restoration of the Jacob Thompson House as described above.*

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of October, 2014.

Edward S. Harrison, Chairman

Richard M. Smith

John Morrell

MONSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the legal voters of the Town of Monson by posting an attested copy of said Warrant in at least two places in said Monson fourteen days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

A true copy,  
ATTEST:

Constable of Monson

Town Clerk

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